

Q2 in the node of the [first] lowest priority to connect with the node of the [second] next priority during the [previous] repeating step, whereby said nodes are connected through said ports according to priority order.

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**REMARKS**

**General remarks:**

Claims 1-5 are all the claims pending in the application. The above amendments to the specification are made to correct noted informalities, and made to place the claims in even better condition for initial examination. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendments prior to examining the application.

**Conclusion and request for telephone interview:**

If the Examiner feels that the disposition of the application could be expedited by speaking with Applicant's representative, the Examiner is respectfully invited to **call the undersigned attorney** at the number shown below.



**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**09/485,443 (Q57774)**

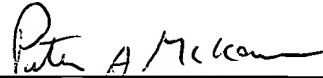
Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,

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